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Applicant: Fennern :
Serial No.: 09/683,343 : Group No.: 3641
Filed: December 17, 2001 : Examiner: R. Palabrica
For: MODULAR REACTOR :
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM :

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

a small entity. A verified statement:
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Fee: \$ 410.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS *	=	x \$9 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS **	=	x \$40 = \$
<u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</u>			+ \$135 = \$	+ \$270 = \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	or TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$-0-

(c) No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

(d) _____ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

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5. _____ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.

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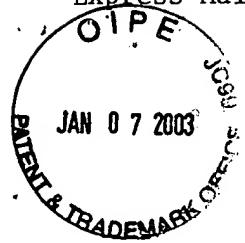
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AND/OR

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In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 5.

1. (amended) A metal containment vessel for a boiling water nuclear reactor, the boiling water nuclear reactor comprising a reactor pressure vessel, said containment vessel comprising:

- a bottom head;
- a removable top head;
- a substantially cylindrical sidewall extending from said bottom head to said top head, said bottom head, top head and cylindrical sidewall defining a containment cavity sized to receive and enclose a reactor pressure vessel, said containment vessel having a pressure rating of at least about 50 atmospheres; and

a drywell located inside said containment cavity, said drywell isolated from the reactor pressure vessel by a remotely actuated valve.